

## Lectionary for December

**December 4:** Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19; Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12.

**December 11:** Isaiah 35:1–10; Psalm 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46–55; James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11.

**December 18:** Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–25;

**Christmas Eve:** Isaiah 9:2–7; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–14 [15–20].

**Christmas Day:** Isaiah 52:7–10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12]; John 1:1–14

### Please Keep these Folks in your Prayers:

Warda Compton  
Ruth Anne Rye  
Donna Schultz  
Bob Rusch

Randy Hall  
Reg Rye  
Winnie Bingham  
Jim Carney



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## Second Presbyterian Church Newsletter December 2016



*Seeking and Serving Christ we are a Place for Growing Christians*



Join us on **Christmas Eve** for  
Services of Lessons and Carols  
5:00pm & 7:30pm.

The 5:00pm service is more family-oriented.

**Christmas Day** service is at 9:30am  
Nursery care is available for all services through age 3.

### Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering supports the work of Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and also provides supplemental income and medical insurance for former ministers, missionaries, church workers, and their families. Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Scrip for Christmas!



Finish your Christmas shopping early with Scrip gift cards. We are going to place Scrip orders on these Sundays: December 4, 11 & 18. Your order is typically in the office on the Wednesday after the order date. Place an order for almost any retailer in the area or we have any of these cards available right now in the office:

**Applebee's \$25**

**Exxon/Mobil \$50**

**Starbucks \$10**

**Kohl's \$25**

**Panera Bread® \$10**

**Meijer \$25/\$50/\$100**

**Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25**

**Subway \$10**

**Goodrich Theaters \$10**

**Tim Horton's \$10**

**Taco Bell \$40**

**Walmart \$25/\$100**

**Speedway \$25/\$100**

**Wendy's \$10**



## Poinsettias

We will be decorating the Sanctuary with white and red poinsettias for the Christmas Season. If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone special, please sign up and pay in the office. The deadline to order is December 13<sup>th</sup>. These beautiful poinsettias are \$10.00 each and have multiple large blossoms and a bow attached. They will decorate the church for services on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> and also for both Christmas Eve services. Take your poinsettias home after the Christmas Eve services.

## Baked Goods Needed



Following our Christmas drama on December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will gather for refreshments, fellowship and a chance to thank the wonderful cast and crew. We would like to have special goodies for this fellowship gathering. If you are able to contribute cookies, muffins, or rolls, please bring them to Fellowship Hall that morning. Thank you for helping!

## For Those in Need



If you know of a family in the church that could use extra help this Christmastime, please let Jim Neumann know. We have helped with Consumer's Energy Gift certificates, toys, clothing and food when we know of the need. Christmastime is a great time to show our generosity.

## Christmas Pageant

Join us on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> for a great Christmas drama performed by our talented youth! This year the pageant/drama is called "The Fumbly Bumbly Angels". It's a story about angels that set their sights on singing in the glorious Heavenly Choir, but instead find themselves singing in the tiny village of Bethlehem. Join the fun as we view the antics of these awkward angels as they stumble on the miracle of Christmas.



## Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to join in on Saturday, December 3 for breakfast, study and fellowship. We meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church, as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke. This month's study begins at Luke 24. Come and join us for breakfast, study and fellowship!



## Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. for Circle. We will be putting together Christmas plates for those that can't get to church. There is no bible study this day. After we are done we will have lunch at the Horizon Center. Please join us!



## Busy Hands and Hearts



The Busy Hands and Hearts group reaches out to our community by making lap quilts, hats, mittens and other items for local shelters. We will meet on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. We can always use more help! If you need information please see Carol Smith or Ruth Anderson.

## PYG Events

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Living Nativity, leaving church at 5:30pm.

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** – join us at the coffee table after worship but there will be **no** PYG this day.

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Party! 5pm to 7pm

**Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>** – No PYG. We'll see you in 2017! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## Taking Down the Greens Sunday, January 8



Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and help us take down the greens. After worship we will "un-deck" the halls and then enjoy lunch before heading home. We'll provide the subs and you bring pop or chips. The more people we have helping, the quicker we'll can finish.



## Odd Tuesday Bible Study

Our Odd Tuesday Bible Study Bible Study will only meet on the first Tuesday this month - December 6. We're studying the book of Genesis. You are invited to join us at 7:00 pm. Bring your bible and join in!



## Vital ICE App

Deisler Funeral Home is taking the opportunity to assist local first responders save lives. The Vitalboards initiative is a dry erase board available at the funeral home that has a planner, shopping list, note area and important phone numbers section. On the reverse side there is room to record health information to assist EMS/Fire/Police and ER staff in the event of a medical emergency. Just fill out the information and place a small weatherproof sticker on or near the front door. In the event of an emergency, first responders can identify the location of the Vitalboard and retrieve the vital information (There's a sample of this Vitalboard in the church office). They are also offering a free Vital ICE App from either the Apple App Store or Google Play for your smart phone. Simply download and enter in the code: #1151. The Deisler Funeral Home staff is available to assist with any questions. Simply stop in or contact them at (989) 799-1151.



## 2016 End of Year Contributions

The IRS requires that donors must deliver or mail and postmark checks on or by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in order to claim a contribution deduction for 2016. Giving in 2017 and predating a check for 2016 does not qualify for a 2016 deduction. **Please note that the church office will be closed on December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

## Sunday School

There is no Sunday school on December 11 so you can enjoy the Christmas pageant with your family. Also there will be no Sunday school on December 25 and January 1, 2017. We will start again on January 8.

## Second Presbyterian Hosts Presbytery



We will be hosting the Lake Huron Presbytery meeting Tuesday, December 6. Representatives from each church in our Presbytery will be here for the meeting. The meeting, which includes worship and business, starts at 9:30 a.m. and will go until mid-afternoon. We will be providing a lunch as well as some light refreshments as people arrive. Watch for announcements on how you can help at this meeting.

## PYG Attending Christmas Living Nativity



Youth are going to the Living Nativity at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are leaving church at 5:30pm. Please call Tammi, DJ or Becca so we can plan transportation. This is a family event so please bring your family and friends. Donations are accepted at the end of the walk.

## PYG Christmas Party



Let's get together and celebrate the True Reason for the Season on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm. Dinner will be provided. Bring a warm jacket and hats/gloves and boots! We will have a \$5 White Elephant Gift Exchange. If you want to participate, please bring a \$5 gift to exchange. Let DJ or Becca or Tammi know if there are any questions

## 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second

Please join us December 4 and December 18 in the library for our continued discussion of *From Jesus to Constantine: A History of Early Christianity*. There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> @ Second on December 11 & December 25 or January 1.

## Fish Fry, White Elephant & Bazaar Profits

Profits from each of these events were: Fish Fry - \$2,900, White Elephant \$4,430, and Bazaar lunch & Bake sale \$1,021. This is a great boost for the Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women so they can continue their great work!

## Offering Envelopes



Our 2017 donation envelopes have a few additions. There are 6 new envelopes for “over and above giving”, for things that may help the budget and missions of the church throughout the year. Along with your regular weekly envelopes, the new extra envelopes are for snow removal, winter utility costs, 3 envelopes for mission donations (your choice), and one for the Christmas Eve service (not Christmas Joy).

## Mission Highlights

**"Go also the second mile" - Matthew 5:41**

Our missions for December mission projects are Angel Tree Gifts, Winter Outerwear Project and SERRV



### Angel Tree

We have a few more gifts waiting to be purchased for those children who have a parent or guardian in the jail system. Look for the wish list items on the tree in the main hallway. These gifts need to be wrapped in Christmas paper and the Angel Tree sticker on the front of the package. Get them back to the church by December 11.

### SERRV Sale



We will have a SERRV sale on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the gathering area. Merchandise will be available before and after worship service. There are lots of new items and some favorites from the past years also so be prepared to do some serious Christmas shopping!



### School Outerwear

Keep bringing in winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens for kids in the Brethren, Arthur Eddy and Houghton Lake Schools. Put them in the school box in the main hallway.

Jim  
Carla  
Carol W.  
Laurel  
Tammil D.S.  
Peggy  
Carol  
Doys  
Rebecca



# Second Presbyterian Church

## DECEMBER

## 2016

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday                         | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p><i>Seeking and Serving Christ</i><br/> <i>We are a Place for</i><br/> <i>Growing Christians</i></p>   |  |   |   | <b>1</b> 8:30am<br>Prayer Group  | <b>2</b> <br>5:30pm Youth<br>Living Nativity | <b>3</b> 8:00am<br>Men's Breakfast  |
| <b>4</b> 9:30am<br>Worship & Nursery<br>10:45am - 2 <sup>nd</sup> @<br>Second<br>Scrip Order   | <b>5</b> 1:00- 3:00pm<br>Busy Hands<br>& Hearts<br> | <b>6</b> Presbytery of<br>Lake Huron<br><br>7:00pm Odd Tuesday<br>Bible St.                                   | <b>7</b> <br><br>6:00pm Bell Choir<br>7:00pm Chancel Ch | <b>8</b> 8:30am<br>Prayer Group  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>11</b> 9:30am<br>Worship & Nursery<br>Christmas Drama<br>Scrip Order<br>5pm PYG<br>Christmas Party  | <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b> <br>7:00pm Session | <b>14</b> 10:00am Florence<br>Gilmour Circle<br><br>6:00pm Bell Choir<br>7:00pm Chancel Ch  | <b>15</b> 8:30am<br>Prayer Group | <b>16</b>                                    | <b>17</b>   |
| <b>18</b> 9:30am<br>Worship & Nursery<br>10:45am - 2 <sup>nd</sup> @<br>Second<br>Scrip Order<br> | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b>                  | <b>21</b><br><br>6:00pm Bell Choir<br>7:00pm Chancel Ch   | <b>22</b> 8:30am<br>Prayer Group | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b> <br><br>5:00pm & 7:30pm<br>Services of Lessons<br>and Carols |
| <b>25</b> <i>Christmas</i><br>9:30am<br>Worship & Nursery<br>                                     | <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> 8:30am<br>Prayer Group | <b>30</b>                                  | <b>31</b>    |